



*Trinity's Mission: We are a community of Christian disciples building pathways through which God's love is realized.*

## Read for the Record

Stacey Duggar  
Trinity Preschool Director

Trinity's preschool once again participated in Jumpstart's Read for the Record. The campaign began in 2006 with the simple premise to read the same book on the same day with children all over the globe. The idea was intended to bring the spotlight on

early childhood education, particularly in low income areas. Five years later, this little idea has grown into a record-breaking activity. This year's book selection was Llama Llama Red Pajama, by Anna Dewdney. We were fortunate to have two special guests read to our children; Niki Pocock and Cassandra Pasos, both parents of Trinity Preschoolers and

employees of the Department of Education. Including our 60 Trinity kids, this year's record breaking total number of kids that were read to all over the globe on October 6, 2011 was more than 2.5 million!

We were happy to "sit down to read and stand up for children!" I hope you will join us next year!



*"All together now, let's read a story!" All over the globe, in many languages, this was the theme of the day as over 2.5 million children heard the same story about the red pajama wearing llama. All 60 of Trinity's preschoolers participated with the help of Cassandra Pasos (inset left), and Niki Pocock (inset to the right). Both Cassandra and Niki work for the Department of Education, and Niki is a member of Trinity.*



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# Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from September 14- October 12, 2011:



In memory of **Sylvia Jopes Sanders** from the Ivy Daisy Garden Circle and Nancy and Jimmy Petrandis.

In memory of **Mary Blackburn** from UMW Circle IX.

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## Calling all friendly faces!

*Chip Huggins*

When entering a new place, everyone loves to be welcomed by a friendly person who is willing to serve.

Our ushers are an important part of that first impression we make at Trinity. We are looking for glad and willing hearts to serve as ushers on Sunday mornings at the 8:30 and 11 o'clock services. You'll also have the benefit of meeting new people every time you serve!

To volunteer for this wonderful opportunity, please call or email the church office (222-1120 or [trinity@tumct.org](mailto:trinity@tumct.org)).

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## Help make a joyful noise

*Lisa Prasse*

Have you ever wondered how everything that needs to be heard on a Sunday morning is transmitted to those who need to hear it?

Trinity is blessed with a small, highly talented, and wonderfully loyal group of individuals who run sound in the sanctuary every Sunday morning at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

We're looking to grow our team, (and will gladly provide ample training for those interested); so if you have any interest in "all things sound" and think sound operation is an area you would like to "give back" to your church family, please contact Lisa Prasse at [lprasse@tumct.org](mailto:lprasse@tumct.org) for more information.



# WAYNE'S WORDS

*By E. Wayne Curry  
Senior Pastor*

## Imagine!

**Imagine!** what we could do if every member fully supported our church in the ways promised when we joined: with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness!

**Imagine!** what could happen if every member intentionally prayed for our church: for our ministries, our outreach and mission, our pastors and staff!

**Imagine!** what our worship services would be like if every member made their presence in Sunday worship a priority!

**Imagine!** what we could accomplish in mission and ministry, in our community and world, if every member gave generously to our church!

**Imagine!** what it would look like to see every member engaged in some act of servant ministry through our church!

**Imagine!** how the Good News of our Christian faith could be spread throughout this community when every member gives a witness to what is happening in their lives through our church!

We usually have our stewardship Sunday on the Sunday before Thanksgiving but the stewardship team was so excited about our theme that we 'imagined' something different this year. You'll be seeing "Imagine" all around the church. There will be large sheets of paper where you can write what YOU imagine for our church in



the months and years to come. There will be cards in the pew racks for you to answer two questions: "What excites you about what God is doing here at Trinity?" and "What do you Imagine for Trinity's future?" For those who are willing, we'll be asking you to give us a brief video clip to share your hopes and dreams for Trinity.

We'll be talking about this theme through the rest of the year. You will receive a Commitment Card in the mail to indicate your commitment to our church for 2012. The culmination will be a big church-wide celebration on Sunday, January 22, that you won't want to miss!

So ... put your hearts and minds in a mode to **Imagine!** See you in church!

You are loved,

# Music News for November

Mark Repasky  
Director of Music

## What is a Christmas Potpourri?

• A special fruitcake recipe for Christmas?

• No, though a group of singers will present a hilarious song called "Fruitcake" at the event.

• A special luncheon at Christmas time?

• No, though all guests will be treated to a wonderful buffet-style meal.

• A variety of bright Christmas colors quilted together to make a blanket?

• No, but many bright Christmas colors will be on display that night, from several sets of choir robes, to Madrigal outfits to various animal costumes.

• A mixture of the many mood and memories of Christmas?



• Now that's more like it. It's going to be a dining, aural and visual spectacular! Six or seven of Trinity's music groups spanning ages 6 to 80 will present about 25 songs for this Christmas extravaganza. Some are old favorites of the early 1900's. Some go way back to the 1500's. We have some recent tunes including "Breath of Heaven" by Amy Grant. Over 75 performers will be in the show! Some of the music is serious and some is just plain funny. Some selections are secular, but most are sacred. Our NETkids present a delightful Christmas play whose main characters are the animals in the stable. We have three groups of wandering musicians that will perform at individual tables as you dine; Madrigals, Alfred Burt Carolers and College/Career Handbells. At the end of the evening, the audience will join in singing one of our favorite Christmas Carols.

Here's something you don't see every day: While Chancel Choir sings an altered

version "Deck the Halls", let's see how fast members of our Youth Choir can decorate the Christmas tree in Moor Hall. This event promises to be fun for all ages. If you went to our Broadway Potpourri last year, this event is similar, but on a Christmas theme. It is also bigger and better than last October's event.

This is Dinner Theater with a special Christmas flair! We have space for about 160 people in Moor Hall each night, and expect to be sold out. So, get your tickets (open seating) early. Our meal includes glazed pork loin with cranberries, Christmas chicken, garlic mashed potatoes with sour cream, green beans with sliced almonds, salad, assorted desserts, coffee, tea and water. The shows start at 6:45 p.m. on Friday, December 9 and Saturday, December 10. Ticket prices are \$15. Tickets are available from the church office beginning November 21. They will be available at Wednesday night dinners November 30 and at the welcome center downstairs on Sunday November 27 and December 4 from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m. and immediately following the 11 a.m. services. All profits from this event will be given to the Friends of Music Ministry here at Trinity.

Friends of Music provides additional financial support to the music ministry off Trinity United Methodist Church to enhance worship and engage the broader community. This support includes, but is not limited to, engaging musicians as teachers, performers and clinicians. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God" Colossians 3:16 NRSV.

Funding from Friends of Music made possible the "Spirituals" workshop and concert led by Dr. Andre Thomas from the FSU College of Music last February. It will also be funding our drama workshop February 17-19, 2012 which is being led by the professional Christian drama group "Friends of the Groom".

## Special Christmas Music on December 4

We celebrate the coming of the Christ child with special music by Chancel Choir on Sunday December 4. Written over 300 years ago, the 10-minute Christmas season cantata "The Little Newborn Jesus Child" by Dietrich Buxtehude will be accompanied by a small string orchestra and organ. This is an intimate and joyful cantata that prepares us well for Christmas day just three weeks away! The cantata shares with us the good news: "And angels fill the sky with song, for God and man are reconciled."



The Children's Christmas Program is a Trinity tradition.

# Habitat for Humanity

Ron McCranie  
Trinity Habitat for Humanity liaison

It has been a long time coming - our **Spring Faith Build** has morphed into our **Fall Faith Build**. The fun begins on **October 29** and the site is right around the corner from the Habitat for Humanity office. The site is located at 1555 Kelly, just off Roberts Avenue. As mentioned previously, our project this year is being sponsored by local Methodist partners as well as brethren from Presbyterian and Catholic congregations. We look forward to working with our neighbors and friends to make the dream of home ownership come true for a deserving family.

Please let me know when you may be interested in coming out and swinging a hammer. For those of us who have

participated in the past, you know how rewarding and fun these builds are. Volunteers will come together on Saturdays during the next three months or so to help build the home. As in the past, there will be a variety of opportunities from providing breakfast or lunch, to setting trusses, to painting and landscaping. Many of you participated in previous builds and know how rewarding it is to work alongside friends and get to know new folks from other churches. For those of us who are



new to this, you don't need special skills - just a good attitude and willingness to jump in. volunteers need not be master carpenters or plumbers - although folks with those skills are most welcome.

We are looking forward to another great build. Come join us!

To get involved in this project, please contact Ron at his email address, [mccranie@hotmail.com](mailto:mccranie@hotmail.com), or call the church office 222-1120.

# Change the City benefits 24th Community Christmas

Gloria Whitaker  
Community Christmas co-coordinator

This will be the 24th year that Trinity has the wonderful privilege of hosting the Annual Community Christmas dinner. This festive occasion is open to everyone, but is especially intended for people



Blue and Gloria Whitaker, shown here with Beth Curry at last year's Christmas dinner, have coordinated the Community Christmas dinner from the beginning.

[gloria@talweb.com](mailto:gloria@talweb.com) if you'd like more information or would like to volunteer to help.

As one of our youth said a few Christmas dinner's ago when asked why she came out to do volunteer work on Christmas day, "We want everyone to know that they are always welcome here, and we want them to know that there is always someone who cares about them here."

Come and have a Merry Christmas with us.

## CHANGE the City



who don't want to cook, who would otherwise be eating alone, or who don't have the means to have a festive Christmas dinner. Each year's dinner is a true celebration of Christ's birth! There is wonderful music, great food, and incredible fellowship. As they

did last year for the first time, Hats for the Homeless Ministry will supply knitted and crocheted hats and scarves for the guests. I don't know who receives the most blessings from the dinner, those who are served or those who do the serving. Volunteers come from all over our community to help with the dinner- single people, couples, families- and

they come back year after year because it is such a blessing to be part of this festive celebration.

If you would like to be part of the efforts this year there are many ways to help. Volunteers are needed to help cook, serve, set up, and clean up. Monetary donations are always welcome to help defray the cost of the dinner. Donations of candies, packages of new socks (the work kind), toothbrushes and tooth paste, little juice boxes with straws are all examples of items that go into goodies bags that are given to our guests as they leave the dinner.

Please accept this invitation to come and be part of this much appreciated Trinity-sponsored community event. Call or email Blue or Gloria Whitaker at 878-6064 or



Avery Smith, who, along with his family, has volunteered for several years, shows off a plate of the delicious Christmas fare.

# Health Wellness news for November

Beth Curry

## Fall Crop Planted in the Community Garden

Be sure to take a stroll down Duval Street and look at the wonderful crop that was

planted recently in our Community Garden. Broccoli, cauliflower, brussels sprouts, spinach and mixed greens have all been added to the garden which already had peppers, collard greens, tomatoes, cucumbers and an herb garden. The purpose of this garden is to help serve the hungry in



our local community. If you would like to help tend to the garden, please contact Beth Curry at [BFCSeries@yahoo.com](mailto:BFCSeries@yahoo.com) to be notified of our next workday, or feel free to pull any weeds you see whenever you pass by.

## Serving God Through Self, Church and Community

The subhead above is the mission statement for the Health Wellness Ministry.

### How can YOU serve?

- Attend a BFC Series Exercise Class. Donations go to the BFC Community Service Fund
- Sign up to walk or run with Trinity Runners Club during the Turkey Trot or Jingle Bell Run
- Donate clean, dry shopping bags to the Mats for the Homeless project (no newspaper

or produce bags please). Drop off in Welcome Center.

- Learn how to cut bags and make yarn at home for those crocheting the Mats
- Attend a daytime or Lay Academy session and learn how to make a Mat. It's a great group or family project (see calendar below)
- Knit or crochet a hat or scarf for the Hats for the Homeless project
- Attend a Hats for the Homeless workday (see calendar below)
- Volunteer to help tend the Community Garden by watering, weeding and harvesting
- Volunteer to help with plans for the 2012 Health Fair
- Volunteer your computer skills to help maintain web-pages, design flyers and publications pertaining to the growing Health Wellness Ministry

## Turkey Trot

Celebrate your health and fitness this Thanksgiving (Nov. 24) by joining the Trinity Runners and Walkers in the 36th Annual Turkey Trot. There are three races (5k, 10K, and 15k) to choose from, plus a 1-mile fun run. This is a great way to start your Thanksgiving Day. Proceeds from this event benefit the Tallahassee Homeless Shelter, The Refuge House, and The Boys and Girls Club of the Big Bend. Contact Richard Parsons at [rrptroy@gmail.com](mailto:rrptroy@gmail.com) or Beth Curry at [bfcseries@yahoo.com](mailto:bfcseries@yahoo.com) if you are interested in being a part of the Trinity Team. For details on the event and how to register, please visit <http://tallyturkeytrot.com>.



## Tips from the experts

With the cold and flu season upon us, it's important to remember that frequent hand washing is one of the best ways to avoid getting sick and spreading illness. Hand washing requires only soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Keep in mind that antibacterial soap is no more effective at killing germs than is regular soap.

### Always wash your hands before:

- Preparing food
- Eating
- Treating wounds or giving medicine
- Touching a sick or injured person
- Inserting or removing contact lenses

### Always wash your hands after:

- Preparing food, especially raw meat or poultry
- Using the toilet
- Changing a diaper
- Touching an animal or animal toys, leashes or waste
- Blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing into your hands
- Treating wounds
- Touching a sick or injured person
- Handling garbage or something that could be contaminated, such as a cleaning cloth or soiled shoes.



Of course, it's also important to wash your hands whenever they look dirty.

### How to wash your hands

- Rub your hands vigorously for at least 20 seconds. Remember to scrub all surfaces, including the backs of your hands, wrists, between your fingers and under your fingernails.
- If possible, use your towel to turn off the faucet.

*Excerpt from Mayo Clinic*

## Health Wellness Calendar

**Drop in any time\*!**

**Classes are in the Parlor.**

### BFC Series Exercise Classes

— Tuesdays and Thursdays —

- 9:15-10:30 a.m. ~ Staying Strong
- 11:00-12 noon ~ Variety Mix\*\*

\*\$3 suggested donation \*\*Nursery by reservation only

— Wednesdays —

- 4:15-5:30 p.m. ~ BFC 30/30 Balance Flexibility Class
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. ~ Power Hour

### Upcoming Events

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**Nov 2, 9, 16, 30 – 6:30 pm**  
Mats for the Homeless  
**Nov 8, 10:30 am**  
Mats for the Homeless  
**Nov 8, 12:30 pm**  
Hats for the Homeless  
**Nov 10, 10:30 am**  
Mats for the Homeless  
**Nov 24, 8:00 am**  
Turkey Trot

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# UMW to give World Thank Offering at Nov. Meeting

Linda Yates

Carrying on a tradition that started with women of the Methodist Church 125 years ago, members of Trinity United Methodist Women will bring their annual World Thank Offering to their Nov. 1 luncheon meeting. The offering is a personal thanksgiving to support global missions in Christ's challenge to bring the possibility for food, shelter and fulfillment to all of humanity.

Through the offering, mission projects are supported in all 50 states and in almost 100 countries. The first World Thank Offering was observed in Lansing, MI, inspired by Mrs. H.E. Taylor in 1881. At first, each woman was asked to give two cents a week. Last year the amount given by UMW members in this country was about one million dollars.

For Trinity women, the November meeting will also be a celebration of the

contributions of now deceased UMW members who will be remembered for the legacy each left here. Those attending the luncheon meeting will be given an opportunity to honor someone as they bring an offering in her memory.

All women of the church are invited

to attend the luncheon, which starts at 11:25 in Moor Hall. Please make a reservation (\$6 for lunch) by calling Nancy Kerce at 877-6546. UMW Executive Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Library to approve a slate of officers that will be voted on at the luncheon meeting.

## UMW Circles to Meet

Circle 1 -- Monday, Nov. 7, 10 A.M. at The Party House of Westminster Oaks. Call Kathie Pope if you need directions.

Circle 2 -- Tuesday, Nov. 1, 1 P.M. in the Church Parlor

Circle 4 -- Tuesday, Nov. 8, 10:30 A.M. in the Church Library

Circle 5 -- Thursday, Nov. 10, 7:00 P.M. at the home of Debbie Henderson on Bowfin Drive

Circle 6 -- Monday, Nov. 14, 6:00 P.M. at the home of Julie Pararo

Circle 8 -- Wednesday, Nov. 2, noon at St. John's Cafe

Circle 9 -- Tuesday, Nov. 15, 10.00 A.M. at the home of Betty Ashlock

• All Circles welcome visitors! Call the church office - 222-1120 - for more information •

## 6th Grade Confirmation Class



Receiving their Bibles - how nice!



Here they are at Leesburg camp.



Receiving their Bibles - okay, that's funny ...



Food on the go with Kelly and Kevin - yum.

# Youth Happenings in November

Kelly Rains      John Freeze  
 Youth Director    Youth Intern

## A Note from Kelly ...

Thank you for your support! Well, actually you haven't done it yet ... but you will .... you always do .... and we are always thankful. I'm talking about our biggest fundraiser of the year, our Christmas Trees Fundraiser. With the weather finally getting cooler that only means one thing down in The Underground, it's time to start selling Christmas trees! Every year we order top grade trees from the same farm in North Carolina and we have never

been disappointed. They are always fresh and beautiful, and at great price! Orders will be taken until Nov. 13th, with pickup on Nov. 30th. Order forms can be found in the bulletin, Welcome Center, Church Office, and online at [www.undergroundministries.org](http://www.undergroundministries.org). We can also deliver to your house for an additional charge. All proceeds will go toward youth mission trips next summer. We can't thank you enough for your support!



Members of the Youth Council include, from left, John Crotty, Kevin Sterling, Kim Johnson, Sarah Christovich, Chip Collette, Kathleen Smith, Sheryl Hamm, Vern Danforth, Jaqui Griffith, Amber Pendleton, and Brett Ingram.

## Upcoming Youth events for November

- Nov. 2 ..... Middle School Bible Study
- Nov. 5 ..... Mid-High Madness @ Fun Station
- Nov. 6 ..... Youth Choir Sings
- Nov. 6 ..... Praise Band 4pm, NO Choir, UMYF 6pm
- Nov. 6 ..... High School Late Nite
- Nov. 9 ..... Middle School Bible Study
- Nov. 13 ..... Beans and Rice Lunch, Crop Walk, Service Opportunity 12-5pm
- Nov. 13 ..... Youth Choir 5pm, NO UMYF, No Praise Band
- Nov. 16 ..... Middle School Bible Study
- Nov. 20 ..... Youth Choir Sings
- Nov. 20 ..... Praise Band 4pm, UMYF 6 pm
- Nov. 20 ..... High School Late Nite
- Nov. 23 ..... No Middle School Bible Study
- Nov. 27 ..... No Praise Band, No UMYF
- Nov. 30 ..... Middle School Bible Study
- Nov. 30 ..... Christmas Tree Pick up/ Delivery

## Other Upcoming Events

- Dec. 3 ..... Chili Fundraiser (Festival of Lights)
- Dec. 18 ..... Youth Christmas Party



Stay current at [undergroundministries.org](http://undergroundministries.org)

### Operation Christmas Child

Watch for inserts to be in the bulletin October 30 and November 6. Boxes need to be in the narthex on or before **Sunday, November 13.**

*Fill a shoebox with gifts and make a child happy this Christmas!*

### Time to order Christmas Trees

Funds raised will go to youth mission trips. Look for the inserts in bulletins Oct. 30, Nov. 6 & 13.

**Deadline for ordering will be Sunday November 13.**

Pick up will be **Wednesday, November 30** from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

# The Trinity Clothing Connection

Walli Bealle

It was 6:00 a.m. dark when the first volunteers reached Trinity on the morning of Saturday, September 24, and yet a man was already waiting at the door. "I need shoes," he said, "Is it okay for me to wait here?" The doors weren't set to open for two hours and yet he was concerned that he might miss out on that important promise of the possibility of a free pair of shoes!

Thus, the day started for Trinity's Clothing Connection. What had been a dream for its organizers and volunteers became a reality and a fulfillment of dreams for our guests. Not just new shoes, but whole outfits, not just a perfect dress for a job interview, but a tailored men's suit complete with shirt and tie became sources of pride for the recipients of the congregations' generosity.

When church members were asked to donate gently used items that they were no longer needed, our Trinity Family responded overwhelmingly. Over 5,000 items of clothing were bundled and brought to the church. Over sixty people gave their time to sort and set up and help

the guests find sizes suitable for themselves or for the family member or friend unable to physically make the trek to Trinity.

It was a day filled with blessings for each person who participated. The pleasure which a pair of silver ballerina slippers gave to the eight-year-old girl was more than matched by the sense of joy which the volunteers discovered each time they acted as God's hands in an act of love and sharing.

The Clothing Connection started as a small idea, yet, through God's love, it became for many a vision of what the Church is - a place of welcome, a sanctuary for renewed hope, and a place of community for all God's children

The Clothing Connection Committee would like to thank the Trinity Congregation for its support and generosity. We also wish to thank Trinity's staff, the Tallahassee Police, the Anderson Chapel, AME Church, and the Webb family for the various ways their contributions made the day successful.



## Website FAQ

The latest incarnation of the Trinity website has been up now for a little over a year and we've already had more hits (people visiting our website) than we had in the previous 5 years.

You may ask why would there be such a disparity of visits between the two sites? Perhaps one reason is that there is just so much more timely material that's being posted now. And, a lot of this information is being posted by our members. For instance, Beth Curry, who has done such fine work in implementing the exercise programs and the Health Wellness ministry, has learned how to post material on the website. Classes were given during last year's Lay Academy for those who were interested in having more hands-on control of their committee or ministry information. (If this is something that interests you, let us know and we'll have another class). Another possible reason for more visitors is that we have a more accessible and attractive presence. Visitors on this newer site actually spend more time looking through the pages. The website just looks better organized and therefore invites

browsing. More current information and a better organized format equals more time spent on the site.

### New features

There are just so many pages on the website - currently 108 pages - it's hard to describe what all is in there. But, there are many features on this website that weren't on the old site. Among the more popular new features are the photo galleries and the newest addition, the service archive. The service archive allows you to hear the entire service (on those rare occasions when you couldn't make it into church). There is also an archive, as there was before, for the sermons and scripture. Both the sermons and the services can be accessed under the "Worship" heading. In the photo gallery (look under "Community"), there are photographs of various Trinity events, by Trinity photographers, Wayne Curry, Amanda Graham, and Rex Adams.

Stay current with Trinity events - visit the website (tumct.org) often!

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## Trinity Treks

Barbara Hynes  
Associate Pastor of Discipleship

Trinity Treks will be on the move on Monday, November 14 traveling to St Marks National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge includes coastal marshes, islands, tidal creeks and estuaries a diverse community of plant and animal life, and is home to the St. Marks Lighthouse,



which was built in 1832 and is still in use today.

We will tour the visitor's center, explore, picnic, and visit the lighthouse. The church bus will leave Trinity at 10:00 a.m. and return about 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$5. For more information or to reserve a spot contact barbarahynes@tumct.org